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Repeat offender arrested after attacking pregnant woman



CHRYSTAL MARINO
Thomas Daniel Riner is escorted to his bail hearing last Monday at the NMI Superior in Susupe.

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CORRESPONDENT

A man accused of robbing a 9-month pregnant woman at her house is facing charges of robbery and a \$10,000 cash bail.

Thomas Daniel Riner, 41, appeared before Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho at the Superior Court in Susupe last Monday morning for his bail hearing. He had

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FOR NOV. 5 GENERAL ELECTIONS CEC mulls reverting to manual tabulation

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The Commonwealth Election Commission board is considering reverting back to manual tabulation for the upcoming general elections

this Nov. 5 due to the long delay in tabulation experienced during the previous election.

During a CEC board meeting last week, CEC board member Remedio Sablan made a motion to consider reverting to manual tabulation for the upcoming Nov. 5 gen-

eral elections.

Sablan said the proposal stems from complaints made by candidates and members of the community regarding the

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'It's just a very unfortunate situation'

By MARK RABAGO
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EDITOR

Saipan Humane Society founder and president Lauren Cabrera said the tragic deaths of Department of Public Safety K-9 officers Boss and Beni was a very unfortunate situation and that she sympathizes with their handlers.

"I do know that the bond between a handler and their working dog is very special.

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MARK RABAGO

The final resting place of Department of Public Safety K-9 officers Boss and Beni at DPS headquarters in Susupe.

IN TORRES CORRUPTION CASE

Barcinas reiterates OAG disqualification

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CORRESPONDENT

Superior Court judge pro tem Arthur Barcinas reiterated that the Office of the Attorney General effectively disqualified itself in



Barcinas

the prosecution of former governor Ralph DLG Torres when it hired a special prosecutor, underscoring a conflict of interest

within the office.

"In retrospect, I should have noted this in the earlier order disqualifying the entire OAG and assistant attorney general James Robert Kingman from prosecuting the former

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NATION

Florida's storm-battered Gulf Coast raced against a Category 5 hurricane Monday as workers sprinted to pick up debris left over from Helene two weeks ago and highways were clogged with people fleeing ahead of the storm.

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WORLD

Israelis held somber ceremonies Monday to mark a year since the deadliest attack in the country's history, a Hamas-led raid that shattered its sense of security and has since spiraled into wars on two fronts with no end in sight.

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LIFE & STYLE

Taylor Swift was back at Arrowhead Stadium on Monday night to see her boyfriend, Travis Kelce, and the Kansas City Chiefs play the New Orleans Saints after the pop superstar had missed the team's previous two games on the road.

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CNMI comprehensive sustainable dev't plan in the works



RACQUEL FLOYD

MANGO Communications and Membership manager Shawna Babauta, seventh from left, poses for a group photo with MANGO and Rotary Club of Saipan officers yesterday at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

By RACQUEL H. FLOYD
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The CNMI is developing a Comprehensive Sustainable Development Plan that will align with the Sustainable Development Goals of the Marianas Alliance of Non-Governmental Organization.

This, according to MANGO Communications and Membership manager Shawna Babauta as she spoke before the Rotary Club of Saipan yesterday afternoon at the Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan.

According to Babauta, the SDGs are a universal call to action established by the United Nations to address global challenges by 2030. The Office of Planning Development, along with partners, created a document outlining the CSDP.

Babauta mentioned that non-

profits can leverage the SDGs to benefit the economy and that is by fostering collaboration and innovation and enhancing community well-being.

She shared that nonprofit sector employment ranks as the third-largest workforce in the U.S. following the retail and manufacturing sectors.

"Nonprofits account for around 12.5 million jobs, which is approximately 10% of the total private workforce," she said.

She added that nonprofit employment tends to be concentrated in sectors like healthcare, education, and social assistance.

"The nonprofit sector in the CNMI is underdeveloped but has great potential to enhance service capacity through partnerships with public agencies."

Furthermore, Babauta discussed how nonprofit data can help which is through understanding economic impact, being informed of policy decisions, resource allocation, promoting collaboration, and enhancing transparency and accountability.

The data sets include employment statistics, revenue and funding services, program expenditures, economic output, and sustainable development goals.

The nonprofit sector is needed as Babauta emphasized because it is vast and diverse and includes most of the nation's premier hospitals, universities, almost all of its orchestras and opera companies, theaters, etc.

The nonprofit sector is needed for religious congregations, environmental advocacy, civil rights, family, and children services, neighborhood development, community health facilities, foundations, antipoverty, hospitals, and universities, she added.

MANGO's mission is nurturing the nonprofit community in the CNMI for sustainability by facilitating their growth through guidance, training, and services. Its vision is to have a strong, stable nonprofit sector providing services to the CNMI, increasing overall community health and well-being.

MANGO services include establishing a nonprofit, board training, sustainability, strategic planning, non-profit management, financial management, proposal writing, accounting services, organizational resources needing analysis, and notary services.

Babauta's presentation concluded with a group photo with the Rotary Club of Saipan officers.

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Appointment of General] NO. 24-0315
Guardian for]
ZACHARY MATTHEW]
WHITE CAMACHO,]
ZARIA MICHELLE]
WHITE CAMACHO,]
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WHITE CAMACHO,]
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Rebecca C. White has filed a Petition for Appointment of General Guardian for Zachary Matthew White Camacho, Zaria Michelle White Camacho, and Xavier Micah White Camacho, minor children; and that the said Petition will be heard by the Court on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2024, at the hour of 10:00 a.m.

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Tinian SBDC to host training on loan programs

TINIAN—The Tinian Small Business Development Center at the Northern Marianas College, in collaboration with the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority, will be hosting a vital training session on Friday, Oct. 18, 2024, from 9:30am to 3pm at the NMC Tinian Center, Room D.

This event will feature a presentation by the CEDA Loan Department who will provide an overview of the various loan programs available to small businesses, including the newly approved State Small Business Credit Initiative 2.0 for the CNMI.

The training aims to equip local small business owners with crucial financial tools and resources to help grow and sustain their businesses. In addition to the presentation, registered attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a Q&A session and engage in one-on-one consultations with CEDA representatives to explore loan options that best suit their business needs.

Tinian SBDC director and business advisor, Benjamin Huk Borja, emphasized the importance of small businesses taking advantage of CEDA's programs, especially in the current economic climate. "With the introduction of SSBCI 2.0, there are opportunities for entrepreneurs to access critical funding. I encourage all small business owners to attend this training, ask questions, and explore how these resources can support their growth," said Borja.

Small businesses play an

essential role in the economic development of Tinian and the CNMI, and this training offers an invaluable opportunity for local entrepreneurs to learn more about securing financing and developing their enterprises.

Event details:

■ 9:30am-11:30am: An Introduction to CEDA Loan Programs

■ 12:45pm-3pm: One-on-one Consultations with the CEDA loan team and/or Tinian director/business advisor Benjamin Huk Borja

To register for this event, visit the following link: marianas.ecenterdirect.com/events/1019171.

For more information, contact Borja at (670) 237-9211 or via email at benjamin.borja@marianas.edu. You can also reach CNMI SBDC at cnmisbdc@marianas.edu. Visit our website at www.cnmisbdc.com and follow us on social media for updates at @cnmisbdc on Instagram and CNMI Small Business Development Center on Facebook.

The CNMI SBDC Network promotes a business-friendly economic infrastructure in the community, builds entrepreneurial capacity and financial literacy within that community, and provides current and nascent small businesses with the technical assistance, counseling, training, and support they need to innovate, adapt, and grow.

The CNMI Small Business Development Center Network comprises the CNMI SBDC lead center located in

Saipan, the Rota SBDC, and Tinian SBDC. CNMI SBDC Network is partially funded by a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Northern Marianas College. All opinions, conclusions, or recommendations expressed are those of the author(s) and do not necessarily reflect the views of the SBA. Requests for reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Language assistance services are available for limited English proficient individuals with at least two weeks advance notice. For arrangements, contact your local SBDC at P.O.Box 501250 Saipan, MP 96950, Tel: (670) 237-6888, or email Adelpha Magofna at adelpha.magofna@marianas.edu. Services are extended to the public on a non-disciplinary basis. (PR)



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Toys for Tots urges more items for teens

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CNMI organizers of the 2024 Toys for Tots campaign are urging community members to donate toys, with a special emphasis on items for teens, a group often overlooked in donations.

Major Diann Rosenfeld, along with Uriah Perez, said that while community support is strong, donations for older teens remain the most challenging. The Toys for Tots Foun-

dation and corporate donations help to supplement gifts in this category.

Logistical challenges also make it difficult for the campaign to receive essential materials like promotional items, collection boxes, and donated toys on time. Shipping delays from the U.S. mainland also mean local volunteers have to get creative, re-using and recycling old materials or decorating cardboard boxes for collection efforts.

Despite these hurdles, the cam-

paign continues to thrive each year due to the generosity of the local community. Despite logistical challenges, the Toys for Tots campaign in Guam and the CNMI continues to ensure that children receive holiday gifts, thanks to the strong support from local donors.

As the campaign progresses, donations can be dropped off at various collection points across Guam and the CNMI. For those unable to donate toys, financial contributions

are also welcome.

The community's ongoing support is crucial in ensuring the suc-

cess of the campaign and the joy it brings to children and families during the holiday season.

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These teams spend countless hours working and training together. I feel badly that so much negativity is directed at the handlers, because I know their hearts must be broken as well. I examined these dogs in the past and it was very clear to me that their handlers cared a lot for them. It's just a

very unfortunate situation," she said.

SHS is a non-profit organization founded in response to animal overpopulation and the need for veterinary services in the CNMI.

Cabrera said the passing of Boss and Beni also showed that heat stroke is a serious concern in a tropical island like Saipan and that the islands' animal companions, especially dogs, are not immune to it.

"I feel very badly about the situation. It's a very unfortunate accident. Heat stroke is a very serious issue here, and can happen very quickly. It's important to remember that dogs cannot sweat like people do to regulate their body temperature. They rely on panting and this doesn't work effectively at extreme temperatures and the dogs can rapidly decline."

She then shared tips on how to avoid heat stroke on animals.

"Signs in your own pet to look out for include excessive panting, confusion, diarrhea, and beefy red gums. Dogs can develop heat stroke under any condition with excessive heat—especially those with shorter snouts like pitbulls are at higher risk."

Saipan Cares for Animals, another non-profit animal group, echoed Cabrera's words when it issued the following statement, "It was a very sad accident that touched each member of the community. We are also worried about the mental health of handlers who loved them so much. They need to be cared and supported also. Let's show sympathy and kindness in such difficult moment. May the two

K-9s' souls rest in peace."

Animal activist Tina Palacios, meanwhile, said the handlers should take some measure of responsibility in the deaths of the K-9 officers.

"It's sad and unfortunate that the two K-9 officers died the way they did and I hope the two police officers will get to face justice for the death of the two K-9 officers. I am sorry for what happened to you two. RIP K-9 officer Beni and K9 officer Boss. K-9s go to heaven," she said.

Earlier, DPS Commissioner Anthony Macaranas released a statement asking the public to tone down on the rhetoric against Beni and Boss' handlers.

"While the loss of our canine police dogs is inherently tragic, recent criticisms overlook the critical role their handlers have developed with their canine partner. The bond between a police officer and their canine is unparalleled and unbreakable. Built on trust, loyalty, and love, this partnership is a testament to the bravery and devotion of both humans and animals. Their partnership transcends mere colleagues, it's a deep-seated familial tie. A bond that extends far beyond duty hours, with canines often becoming integral members of the officers' families. The loss of a canine partner is a devastating blow, leaving an unfillable void, most especially for their handlers," he said.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

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been in the custody of the Department of Corrections.

Camacho scheduled him to return to court for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 16 at 10am, and for an arraignment on Oct. 21 at 9am. Riner was then remanded back to DOC.

Attorney Katie Comstock was assigned as Riner's defense and assistant attorneys general Dan Johnson and David Krach will represent the government.

According to court documents, police received a call on Friday, Oct. 4, at 10:31am regarding a pregnant woman who was robbed at her house in Kannat Tabla. Police were also told that the two male suspects ran into a boonie area.

Stolen from the victim were her Michael Kors wallet, mayor's ID, WIC ID card, and food stamps—items with an overall value of more than \$300.

The victim told police she was overdue in her pregnancy and would

need to undergo a caesarian section because the baby was breech. She said she was in pain and in shock and was shaking because the two men really scared her.

The victim said she had just come home from shopping when she heard her neighbor's dog barking. She walked toward the back of her house while holding her wallet and her cell phone in her right hand. When she got closer to the refrigerator, she was surprised to see a man standing next to her about 3 feet away. She described the man was about 5'8," white complexioned, skinny, wearing a black bucket hat, torn-up gray T-shirt, and dark pants.

She told police the man yanked her wallet that was in her right hand, causing her cell phone to fall on the ground. She said she saw another individual wearing a hoodie who was shorter and had brown skin color. Both fled into the boonie area and headed south.

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BARCINAS

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governor," Barcinas said during a Zoom hearing last Monday. "The AG's office already disqualified itself that's why we have a special prosecutor because there were no other non-conflict attorneys—that's why they hired a special prosecutor," he said.

Barcinas said he will come out with a written order detailing his final decision in the coming days.

The case, No. 22-0050-CR, centers around allegations of misconduct in office against Torres. In July 2024, the court granted a defense motion for reconsideration and ruled that the OAG must withdraw from the case due to said conflict of interest. This ruling also applied to a separate case involving a refiled charge

of contempt and misconduct (Case No. 23-0127-CR).

However, Barcinas declined to appoint a new special prosecutor, deferring to the Executive Branch to fulfill its prosecutorial responsibilities. "The court defers to the Executive Branch to execute its prosecutorial authorities in this case," he said.

In response to the disqualification, OAG, through chief solicitor J. Robert Glass Jr., filed an appeal with the CNMI Supreme Court. The OAG contends that the judge "misapplied the law" by disqualifying the entire office and has requested a stay of the order. Glass argued that the stay is necessary to avoid halting the case's proceedings until the appeal is resolved by the CNMI Supreme Court.

A longer version of this story is available at www.saipantribune.com

HAPPY NATIONAL PRINCIPALS MONTH



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Every October, National Principals Month shines a spotlight on the transformative power of our school principals. These dedicated leaders play an essential role in shaping their communities, paving pathways to success for every student and staff member in their schools. Admiral Herbert G. Hopwood Middle School would like to acknowledge and thank our school principal, Victorino Borja, for his dedication, commitment, and support. Happy National Principals Month to all school principals.

CEC

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last elections.

During the last election season, tabulations started over three hours after ballots arrived at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center with results being announced the next morning.

Sablan stated that she heard the reason for the delay was due to the tabulation machine malfunctioning. However, CEC executive director Kayla Igitol explains that there was no malfunction with the machine and that it was due to the former CEC chairman's decision to start tabulations late.

Sablan explained that before tabulation machines were used, the CEC hired tabulators who counted votes by hand and more often than not, tabulations results were in within a few hours.

In addition, she states that with actual people doing the tabulating,

there is no issue of malfunctions.

However, Igitol, for her part, explained that it would be difficult to implement manual tabulation for this year's elections as it would take a lot of preparation to include proper training.

In response to this, Sablan said there are many retirees who served as tabulators in the past who are beyond qualified to tabulate election results.

Board members also raised concerns about accountability and ensuring that all tabulation results are fair.

Other concerns raised were the cost for hiring tabulators and the time frame to hire tabulators.

Despite the concerns, Sablan was adamant and asked that the CEC calculate how much it would cost to hire tabulators and to bring it before the board for a decision.

According to a previous article on the *Saipan Tribune* CEC has already been preparing for the upcoming elections.

Igitol shared that preparations have been running smoothly with no sig-

nificant challenges.

Igitol shared that preparations include poll workers training, requests for transportation, securing polling sites, and preparation of ballots, boxes, and voting booths.

"We have poll workers training until Oct. 3 at 5:30pm each night at the [Pedro P. Tenorio] Multi-Purpose [Center]. That's one of the things we've been doing in preparation for the elections. We also have coordinated all our requests for transportation in regard to chartering our flights to Tinian and Rota, and bus transportation for our poll workers. [Lastly], we've secured polling sites, and we have prepared nearly everything like ballots, supply boxes, and voting booths," she said.

During the meeting, Igitol also released the official list of polling sites.

The polling places are as follows:

- Election District Precinct 1A (San Antonio Area)
- Hopwood Junior High School Cafeteria (Football field entrance)

- Precinct 1B-1 (San Vicente/Dandan Area)

- 1B-2 (San Vicente/Dandan Area)

- Dandan Middle School Cafeteria (Dandan baseball/softball field entrance)

- Precinct 1C (Koblerville Area)

- Koblerville Elementary School (Cafeteria)

- Precinct 2 (Chalan Kanoa/Su-supe Area)

- Joeten/Kiyu Public Library (Front entrance)

- Precinct 3A (San Jose/Oleai)

- Oleai Elementary School Cafeteria (Front entrance)

- Precinct 3B-1 (Garapan Area)

- 3B-2 (Garapan Area)

- Garapan Elementary School Cafeteria (Northern entrance)

- Precinct 4A (Tanapag Area)

- Tanapag Youth Center (Main entrance)

- Precinct 4B (San Roque/As Matius Area)

- Gregorio T. Camacho Elemen-

tary School Cafeteria (Main)

- Precinct 4C (Capitol Hill Area)

- Jesus P. Manas Legislative Building (House Chamber)

- Precinct 4D (Northern Islands)

- Alamagan, Pagan and Agrigan

- Precinct 5-1 (Kagman Area)

- 5-2 (Kagman Area)

- Chacha Oceanview Middle School (Cafeteria)

- Precinct 6 (Tinian & Aguiguan)

- Tinian Elementary School Cafeteria

- Precinct 7 (Rota)

- Rota-Northern Marianas College Room B-2 (Main entrance)

All polling places for the general election will open at 7am and close at 7pm on Nov. 5.

As mandated by 1 CMC -§6218 (a), voters must ensure that they bring with them a pictured ID as they will be required to present it in order to be issued a ballot at the polls.

For more information, contact the Commonwealth Election Commission at 235-8683 (VOTE).

MVA, LJ's Lawncare clean up Kalabera Cave



MVA
Walkways at Kalabera Cave historic site in Marpi received a facelift in September 2024 with pressure washing services by the Marianas Visitors Authority and LJ's Lawncare Services.



MVA
The parking lot at Kalabera Cave historic site in Marpi received a facelift in September 2024 with pressure washing services donated by LJ's Lawncare Services.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

New operating hours for Saipan Mayor's Office

Saipan Mayor's Office is implementing new office hours in light of austerity measures.

Effective Oct. 7, 2024, the new operating hours are now from Monday to Friday, 8am-4pm. The SMO is still open during lunch hours. The SMO thanks the public for their understanding. *(PR)*

Soroptimist-NMI to meet tomorrow

The Soroptimist International Northern Mariana Islands Chapter will hold its monthly luncheon meeting Thursday, Oct. 10, at 11:30am at the Pho Tam Restaurant in Garapan.

"Join us to help continue our work for the 'Best for Women' in the CNMI! The club is accepting new members! Come and meet us and see what we are all about! We meet the second Thursday of every month for lunch," the group said. *(PR)*

CUC office closure in observance of Commonwealth Cultural Day

In observance of Commonwealth Cultural Day, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. offices and customer service centers are closed on Monday, Oct. 14, 2024.

For more information, contact CUC's hotline at (670) 236-4333, visit its website, or monitor its Facebook page for the latest updates. In case of an emergency, contact CUC Customer Service at (670) 664-4282. *(PR)*

Historic tourism site Kalabera Cave recently got a facelift from the Marianas Visitors Authority and LJ's Lawncare Service.

The organizations teamed up to pressure wash the walk-

ways and parking lot of the Marpi site, known for its significance as a burial cave for ancient indigenous Chamorros and for the skull-like appearance of its entrance. "Kalabera" translates as "skull" in


Chamorro and is derived from the Spanish word "calavera." Kalabera Cave is also one of the few sites in The Marianas where Chamorro pictographs have been found.

"Kalabera Cave is a his-


wash the entire parking lot." The cleanup team was led by operations manager Sam Camacho.

"LJ's Lawncare is more than happy to give back to the community, most especially by enhancing and beautifying the tourist areas," said Camacho. "Tourism is everybody's business."

Aguon noted that with the beautification efforts completed last month, the MVA hopes that free-roaming cows in the area will be corralled soon to address the remaining problem of manure around the site. *(PR)*



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ISLAND WIDE ROAD RESTORATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Island Wide Road Restoration, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of excavation, placing of flowable fill and asphalt to replace pavement areas cut by CUC to repair waterlines. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC and DPW. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **October 10, 2024 at 9:30 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference, Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Island Wide Road Restoration" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 28, 2024** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of the Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualifications shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.


Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on October 11, 2024** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Administrator, via email, manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Rodolfo Rodriguez, Water and Wastewater Division Manager via email, rodolfo.rodriguez@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, P&S Senior Administrative Technician, via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.


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SUBMISSION DATE: OCTOBER 09, 2024 (2:00 PM)

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Wanted: Better immigration policy, more immigrants

Clashes over immigration and control of the U.S. border have already figured prominently in the battle for the presidency. A better policy is certainly needed—one that admits far more workers with skills in short supply, restores an orderly process for accepting other economic migrants and asylum seekers, dissuades those who won't qualify from turning up at the border, and helps states and cities cope with the consequences of failing to get this right.

But as the arguments continue, it would be good to keep one thing in mind: The vast majority of immigrants—including those arriving under the existing ill-suited arrangements—will prove to be national assets, not liabilities. On balance, they'll boost the economy and help mend the country's broken public finances. Although policy can and should be improved, the goal shouldn't be throttling the supply of foreign workers.

A recent report from the Congressional Budget Office sheds some light on the issue. It looks at what it calls the recent "immigration surge" of people entering the U.S., not counting those with lawful-immigrant or temporary-worker status. The number of these irregular or "other foreign national" arrivals—people who entered the U.S. illegally or overstayed their temporary status, "parolees" awaiting court proceedings, those granted temporary protected status or "deferred action," and others—expanded enormously after 2020, from an average of about 200,000 a year to roughly 1.7 million a year. By 2026, the CBO projects a total increase of 8.7 million, compared with the pre-2020 trend.

Granted, these estimates depend on contestable assumptions about how many of the new arrivals will enter the workforce and when; their age, sex and family structure; their eligibility for benefits such as Medicaid, schooling and child nutrition programs; the direct and indirect effects on government revenue; and more. Some other costs and benefits can't be scored because they'll depend on changes in policy. So the CBO's effort to crunch the numbers surely won't be the last word. The results are intriguing nonetheless.

The surge after 2020 is projected to add \$1.2 trillion to federal revenue over the next decade—about as much as raising all tax rates on personal income by 1 percentage point. This is mostly because in time the arrivals work and pay taxes, and because a bigger labor force boosts economic growth, adding to others' incomes and taxes. Gross domestic product goes up by \$9 trillion, thanks to the bigger population, higher labor-force participation among the arrivals and higher productivity. Federal spending is projected to rise by about \$300 billion, as the arrivals and their children qualify for benefits.

The net effect is to cut 10-year federal borrowing by \$900 billion. States and cities will see revenue and outlays change, too, and the balance there is unlikely to be so benign. (The cost of schooling the arrivals' children falls mostly on states.) Still, it would be reasonable to conclude that, at worst, the

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Americans ready to flee the country? We should be concerned

ATLANTA—The first time Jen Barnett and her now husband, Brett Andrews, discussed permanently leaving the U.S. was in 2016.

Barnett, an Alabama native and Emory University alum, said rising political polarization in the U.S. and a long-standing desire to live abroad pushed them to scout out Vancouver, Canada, as a possible destination—with Seattle as a possible "blue state" home. But it turned out, neither city felt like a place they wanted to live long term.

So they shelved the idea until 2020 when the political rancor roared back. During a relaxing retreat, they compiled a list of 10 cities aligned with their values and desired lifestyle, then planned to visit each city over a decade. But a visit to Merida, Yucatan, in Mexico spurred them into action.

Instead of waiting, in April, the couple relocated from Alabama to the town where they are now one of two expat families. And they used all of their research to start a business that helps other Americans plan how to leave the country.

"Americans do not have this legacy of immigrating. There isn't institutional knowledge of where to go," said Barnett, co-founder of Expatsi which organizes tours for Americans who want assistance with researching where to live outside of the U.S.

At least 5.4 million Americans, excluding military families, lived overseas in 2023 according to the Association of Americans Resident Overseas, an organization that advocates for Americans living abroad. A March poll from Monmouth University found that one-third (34%) of Americans would settle in another country if they were able to do so.

In the past, many Americans who opted to live abroad did so for jobs, familial ties, education or retirement. They have generally been older and wealthier but, in recent years, more younger Americans are also looking to make a permanent move out of the country.

In a survey from Howdy.com, 69% of Gen Z and Millennial Americans said they think other countries have a better quality of life than the U.S. Some said they feel trapped in the U.S. and no longer view the country as a global leader. At least 25% of them are ready to leave the country for good.

We have long relied on young Americans to be the agents of change that move us closer to the American dream, so it's concerning when 1 in 4 no longer see the value in that dream. I'm not so troubled that people are leaving, but I am troubled by their reasons for leaving.

Alex Ingram, a financial adviser with global financial services firm Chase Buchanan based in Florence, Italy, has become an informal sounding board for Americans looking to transition to a life abroad.

Most of his clients who want to move from the U.S. cite a few common factors that drove them out the door, he said. The general discourse in the country, the divisive politics, the 24-hour news

By NEDRA RHONE

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution



cycle and the lack of safety rank high among the reasons Americans choose to live abroad. Another big driver is economics.

"The quality of life and the cost of living has changed a lot in the last 15 to 20 years. European destinations are more affordable, not just on holiday," Ingram said. "What you can afford and experience daily, even if you are retired, is better than most medium-sized cities in the U.S."

The more reasonable cost of living in other countries has led more middle-income Americans and more families with children to consider relocating abroad, he said. There have also been significant numbers of people who feel marginalized in the U.S. looking for community and belonging in other countries.

"In our practice, you have a disproportionately high number of people who are LGBTQ+, minorities, or ... immigrants to the U.S. who have decided to leave after 20 to 30 years in the U.S.," Ingram said.

People from groups that feel vulnerable, and a sense of uncertainty about their rights and personal lives have said those feelings led them to explore the path of leaving, according to Ingram.

Though the upcoming election may seem like the catalyst sparking current conversations about relocation, anyone who uses a single election as the basis for deciding to leave the country probably won't find much peace abroad. Among Gen Z and Millennials, 27% said they would leave the country and live abroad if Donald Trump wins while 21% said they would leave if Kamala Harris wins.

Leaving the country has been an ongoing topic of conversation with several of my friends but to date only one has relocated outside of the U.S. Two months ago, Sarah moved from Atlanta to Portugal with her family. She sends regular dispatches sharing everything from school news to instructions on how to order coffee in the local cafes. Friends have commented that she and her family look happier than ever.

I love this for her, but at the same time, I hate that life outside of America feels like the best and healthiest option for a growing number of Americans.

Americans leaving America to live abroad for adventure and personal growth feels good. Americans leaving America to escape feeling unsettled and unsafe is nothing less than tragic.

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An Israel-Iran war would be a deadly mess

We are at a dangerous precipice in the Middle East. Richard Haass, former president of the Council on Foreign Relations, told me Wednesday that it felt like we were at a “turning point” in the region. Thomas L. Friedman of the New York Times was more alarmist: It is a “Code Red Time” he wrote.

But even before Israel’s campaign against Hezbollah, and Iran’s vast ballistic-missile retaliation, I was constantly asked how likely it was that the Middle East would be plunged into a regional war. Now as then, the short answer is that nobody knows. But the potential for a wider kinetic conflict hasn’t been greater in decades.

What would a true regional war in the Middle East look like? How might it specifically unfold—in the air, at sea and on land? And would the U.S. inevitably be drawn into the conflict?

In the year since the horrific Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel, we have been in an intractable cycle of violence and military escalation between Israel and Iran (and its proxies). The next move in this deadly pas de deux will likely be a strong response by the Israelis to this week’s Iranian missile assault.

Despite the lack of mass casualties, many senior Israeli leaders are vowing—in the words of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu—to make Iran “pay for it.” This could include long-range air strikes, over roughly 1,000 miles of contested air space, against the most vulnerable elements of Iran’s nuclear program (which is deliberately scattered across that vast nation).

Doing so would require a complex ballet of loading GBU-57 “bunker buster” bombs on adapted F-15 Strike Eagle aircraft, and tricky in-flight refueling. The Israelis would have to hit many sites; 21 have been disclosed to the International Atomic Energy Agency, including Natanz, Fordow, Arak and Parchin. And there are certainly undisclosed locations. Such an aerial assault would require dozens, if not a couple of hundred, aircraft. Some of the nuclear facilities are more than 300 feet underground.

The air armada would also need dedicated fighter aircraft like the F-35, and electronic-warfare jets as well. Permis-

sion to overfly regional countries would not be forthcoming, meaning the Israeli Defense Forces might have to deal with third-party interference from Syria, Turkey, Iraq or Azerbaijan. Iran’s Russian-supplied S-300 air defenses, and its Cold War-era MiG-29 and F-14 fighters, are not formidable, but would complicate any strikes.

If Israel proceeds with air attacks, the Iranian response would be significant. Hezbollah would undoubtedly be ordered to launch as many surface-to-surface missiles as possible. Perhaps a third of the pre-conflict arsenal of 130,000 had have been fired or destroyed by Israel in recent weeks. But if just half the remaining rockets were sent in waves toward Tel Aviv, Haifa, military installations, Mossad facilities and political centers in Jerusalem, the damage and civilian casualties would be substantial—even given Israel’s strong air defenses.

In addition, an Israeli attack on Iran might cause Hamas to execute the remaining hostages it holds from the Oct. 7 assault. Terrorists could also attempt many isolated attacks inside Israel, like the killing of seven and wounding more than a dozen Israeli civilians early this week in Jaffa. The Houthis in Yemen could also step up their long-range missile attacks.

But the main threat is a reciprocal Iranian ballistic-missile strike on Israel far more forceful than Tuesday’s. An attack with a majority of the 3,000 ballistic missiles in the Iranian inventory would overwhelm Israeli air defenses; the country’s hospitals would be flooded with the wounded. While the quality of Iranian maintenance and targeting is questionable, quantity can make up for a lot of misfires and defects.

Simultaneously, Iran would likely launch drone strikes—staged by Iranian Shiite militias in Syria or western Iraq—at covert Israeli nuclear facilities and at the IDF’s air force. These would be likely coupled with significant cyberattacks.

The Iranian Navy, while hardly a powerhouse, could attack Western shipping and, above all, seek to close the Strait of Hormuz. This would require the use of mines, small speedboats and submarines: Iran has that equipment and routinely trains for this mission. The resulting disruptions in the flow of oil and gas

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could devastate the global economy.

Significant ground operations are unlikely—at least initially. Iran has one million troops under arms, about two-thirds on active duty. It has a young population of nearly 90 million from which to draw more forces, and can count on a number of militia allies in Syria and Lebanon. Could they mount a ground attack on Israel, likely through southern Iraq and Syria? Hard to pull off, but not impossible.

The U.S. would almost certainly be pulled into a full-on war between Israel and Iran. The Israelis would want significant combat support: the highest-grade intelligence from surveillance aircraft and satellites; cyberwar assistance; advanced munitions; aerial refueling.

The Arab states would try to maintain neutrality—although they would of course welcome a degradation of Iranian proxies and military capability. Turkey would be a wild card, but probably would not allow either side transit or access to Turkish bases.

In sum, a true regional war between Israel and Iran could crack the global economy, kill tens of thousands of soldiers and civilians, wreak diplomatic chaos, and draw Washington into something it very much wants to avoid.

Israel is fully justified in wanting to hit back at Iran. Yet hating your enemies too much can cloud your judgment. Instead of seeking a regional war, Israel should focus on destroying all that it can of Hezbollah; work to establish a peacekeeping force, a cease-fire and a hostage release in Gaza; and continue the show of strength that can deter Iran from further escalation. Code Red in the Middle East, indeed.

Reversing America’s decline is no easy task

A recent Gallup poll shows that just 33 percent of Americans are satisfied with the nation’s position in the world today. This is down from 65% in 2000. It’s not hard to understand these sentiments. America is struggling this century in measure after measure, from numerous public policy failures to increasingly dysfunctional politics to an epidemic of mental health issues among young people.

This predicament raises two essential questions: Is America’s downturn merely another temporary dip in a long arc of non-linear, yet upward, progress? Or is it the first phase of a steep national decline?

The answer lies with the American people. Like all nations, America is, above all, the hearts and minds of its people. And the trends are moving in the wrong direction: Things are getting worse, not better. Tribalism is intensifying. Social-media platforms are getting smarter at manipulating human cognition. The

political system’s defects are worsening. And America’s public policy failures are deepening.

The remedies are easy to state. We must improve civic education, spend more time with people from other political tribes, regulate the use of social media, rework the political structure to foster more political voices and equal representation, double down on free speech, feverishly guard our elections and support a new Republican champion other than Donald Trump.

Yet in practice these goals have, so far, been impossible to achieve.

Two broad and overlapping global trends will only make reversing the free fall harder as time marches on. First, technology is getting more sophisticated—at a dizzying pace. The positives are huge. The internet democratizes education. Streaming innovations like Netflix enrich entertainment. New products like self-driving cars revolutionize transportation. Highly sophisticated research dramatically improves medicine. Pioneering technologies substantially broaden the distribution of necessities like food and clothing.

But the negatives are unnerving. Online innovations like deep fakes compound the internet’s harms. Poor cybersecurity undermines the safety of personal data. Popular applications like Chinese-owned TikTok give rival governments control over Americans’ private information. Artificial intelligence jeopardizes humanity in ways neither clear nor certain. Industrial innovations like fracking plunder the environment. Battlefield inventions like drones change the face of warfare.

Second, international affairs are getting more complicated. It took America a full two centuries to achieve global hegemony—and merely two decades to lose it. As former CIA Director and Defense Secretary Robert Gates wrote in a September 2023 Foreign Affairs essay, geopolitical threats to America are mul-

By **WILLIAM COOPER**

The Fulcrum

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tipling: “The United States finds itself in a uniquely treacherous position: facing aggressive adversaries with a propensity to miscalculate yet incapable of mustering the unity and strength necessary to dissuade them.”

These dynamics establish a striking truism that looms over humanity: The world’s pre-eminent democracy is in decline precisely when the challenges faced by the world are mounting and its need for rational leadership has never been more urgent.

Somewhere beneath the thickening surface of tribal bedlam and political fervor, however, is still a core national impulse to confront and overcome big challenges. The question is how strong that impulse remains.

The French political scientist Alexis de Tocqueville visited America in 1831 and 1832. A close observer of human behavior, de Tocqueville traveled across the country taking copious notes on what he saw. His book “Democracy in America” is a classic text in political science. And he’s been revered for capturing the true essence of America like few others have, either before or since.

Perhaps de Tocqueville’s most profound insight was that the “greatness of America lies not in being more enlightened than any other nation, but rather in her ability to repair her faults.” America today is putting this thesis through a searing test. And the world will find out, soon enough, whether de Tocqueville’s insight is still true.

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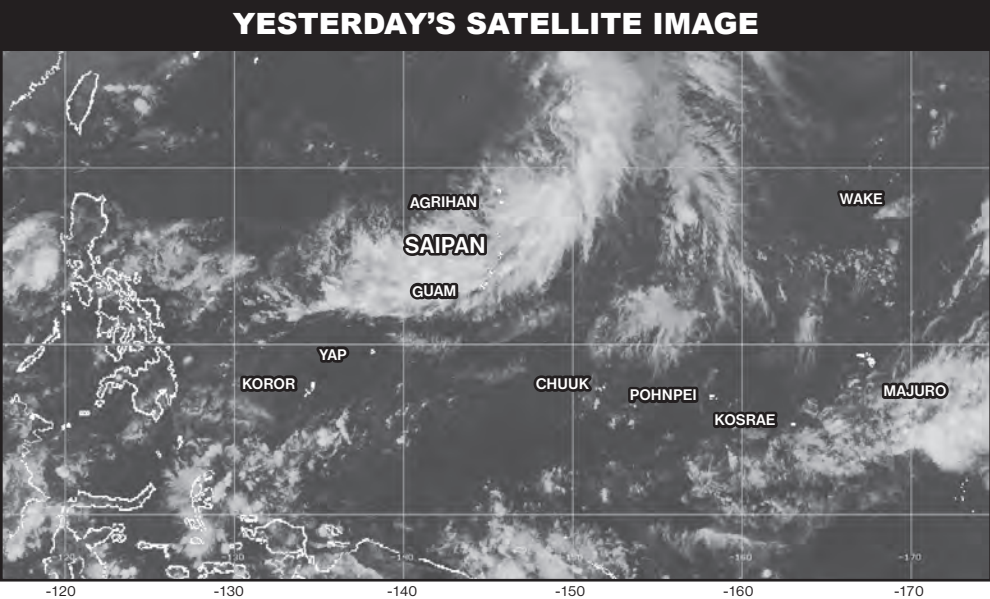
surge imposes no net costs on U.S. taxpayers. And remember, this is the outcome for “other foreign nationals”—that is, arrivals not selected for educational attainment or the skills most in need.

Make no mistake, the failure to control the border, and the stress on local communities forced to cope with a disorderly influx of people, is lamentable and needs to be fixed. But the claim that even a mismanaged surge of migrants imposes a net financial burden on the economy and its taxpayers is false. The main lesson is that the gains from a better, smarter, well-managed pro-immigration policy would indeed be huge.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN									
TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
									
Mostly cloudy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southwest to west winds 15 to 20 mph.		Cloudy with showers likely and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.		Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and a slight chance of thunderstorms.	
86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°	86°	76°



PICTURE TIME: 6:19 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2024

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

The Marianas is now in the monsoon tail of Tropical Depression 21W. Showers are expected to be high-end scattered through tonight with isolated thunderstorms. Lightning cast has been suggesting multiple cells that could produce lighting, however, very few have produced any lightning, and all that has been produced have been over open ocean. Showers are anticipated through most of the work week with the strongest showers around mid week. Winds are expected to become fresh by mid week before they gradually diminish. Seas are expected to be 5 to 7 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: <https://www.weather.gov/gum/>

MICRONESIA			▲▼°F
Guam and Rota	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 78°	
Palau	Sunny	85° / 77°	
Yap	Sunny	85° / 78°	
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	87° / 79°	
Pohnpei	Sunny	86° / 77°	
Kosrae	Partly Cloudy	86° / 77°	
Majuro	Mostly Cloudy	85° / 81°	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:07 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday	6:07 AM	5:59 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:59 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	11:18 AM	10:34 PM	-
Thursday	12:14 PM	11:32 PM	-
Friday	1:08 PM	-	-
Saturday	-	12:32 AM	1:59 PM
Sunday	-	1:33 AM	2:47 PM

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲▼°F
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	64° / 57°	
Beijing	Fair	72° / 46°	
Hong Kong	Fair	90° / 77°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85° / 74°	
London	Mostly Sunny	59° / 52°	
Los Angeles	Sunny	90° / 63°	
Manila	Fair	90° / 78°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	72° / 52°	
Miami	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 81°	
New York	Clear	75° / 59°	
Osaka	Mostly Cloudy	82° / 69°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	61° / 46°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	75° / 64°	
Rome	Partly Cloudy	73° / 54°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	85° / 68°	
San Francisco	Sunny	74° / 54°	
Seoul	Fair	72° / 54°	
Tokyo	Rain Shower	83° / 66°	
Washington, DC	Clear	74° / 61°	

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
5:24 AM	Low Tide	-0.03	
1:06 PM	High Tide	1.60	
6:08 PM	Low Tide	1.34	
10:16 PM	High Tide	1.54	

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2024

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA076	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily	UA174	8:00AM	8:50AM	Daily
SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
UA824	11:50AM	2:25PM	1, 3, 5	UA825	5:30PM	10:00PM	2, 4, 7
GUAM-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-GUAM			
PR 111	5:55AM	7:55AM	Daily	UA184	10:25PM	4:15AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA193	6:55PM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Palau	UA192	10:25PM	6:15AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	7:20PM	9:10PM	Daily	PR110	10:30PM	4:25AM+1	Daily
				UA184	11:50PM	5:40AM+1	2, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
7C3403/2305	4:45AM	10:20PM	Daily up to Oct 26	UA184/174	10:25PM	8:50AM +1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA076/183	9:50AM	9:10PM	Daily via Guam	UA192/174	10:25PM	8:50AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
UA076/193	9:50AM	10:55PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau	7C2306/3406	11:10PM	3:10PM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
				7C2306/3211	11:10PM	3:30PM+1	Daily from Oct 27
				UA184/174	11:50PM	8:50AM +1	2, 5 via Guam
SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)				INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	2:30AM	6:25AM	Daily from Oct 28	7C3406	9:30AM	3:10PM	Daily up to Oct 26
TW308	3:15AM	7:00AM	Daily up to Oct 27	7C3211	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily from Oct 27
7C3403	4:45AM	8:35AM	Daily up to Oct 26	TW307	8:00PM	1:30AM+1	Daily up to Oct 27
7C3405	4:10PM	7:45PM	Daily up to Oct 26	TW307	8:30PM	2:15AM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
7C3212	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily from Oct 27	7C3404	10:10PM	3:40AM+1	Daily up to Oct 26
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX77	3:05AM	6:00AM	1, 5	HX76	6:25PM	1:35AM+1	4, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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Nation

Hurricane Milton is a Category 5 storm

BELLEAIR BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Florida’s storm-battered Gulf Coast raced against a Category 5 hurricane Monday as workers sprinted to pick up debris left over from Helene two weeks ago and highways were clogged with people fleeing ahead of the storm.

The center of Hurricane Milton could come ashore Wednesday in the Tampa Bay region, which has not endured a direct hit by a major hurricane in more than a century. Scientists expect the system to weaken slightly before landfall, though it could retain hurricane strength as it churns across central Florida toward the Atlantic Ocean. That would largely spare other states ravaged by Helene, which killed at least 230 people on its path from Florida to the Carolinas.

“This is the real deal here with Milton,” Tampa Mayor Jane Castor told a news conference. “If you want to take on Mother Nature, she wins 100% of the time.”

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said Monday that it was imperative for debris from Helene to be cleared ahead of Milton’s arrival so the pieces cannot become projectiles. More than 300 vehicles gathered debris Sunday.

As evacuation orders were issued, forecasters warned of a possible 8- to 12-foot (2.4- to 3.6-meter) storm surge in Tampa Bay. That’s the highest ever predicted for the region and nearly double the levels reached two weeks ago during Helene, said National Hurricane Center spokesperson Maria Torres.

The storm could also bring widespread flooding. Five to 10 inches (13 to 25 centimeters) of rain was forecast for mainland Florida and the Keys, with as much as 15 inches (38 centimeters) expected in some places.

The Tampa metro area has a population of more than 3.3 million people.

“It’s a huge population. It’s very exposed, very inexperienced, and that’s a losing proposition,” Massachusetts Institute of Technology meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel said. “I always thought Tampa would be the city to worry about most.”

Much of Florida’s west coast was under hurricane and storm surge warnings. A hurricane warning was also issued



Cars wait in line to get into the parking lot for gas at Costco, Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Altamonte Springs, Fla., as residents prepare for the impact of approaching Hurricane Milton.

for parts of Mexico’s Yucatan state, which expected to get sideswiped.

Milton intensified quickly Monday over the eastern Gulf of Mexico. It had maximum sustained winds of 165 mph (270 kph), the National Hurricane Center said. The storm’s center was about 630 miles (1,015 kilometers) southwest of Tampa by late Monday, moving east at 9 mph (15 kmh).

The Tampa Bay area is still rebounding from Helene and its powerful surge. Twelve people died there, with the worst damage along a string of barrier islands from St. Petersburg to Clearwater.

Lifeguards in Pinellas County, on the peninsula that forms Tampa Bay, removed beach chairs and other items that could take flight in strong winds. Elsewhere, stoves, chairs, refrigerators and kitchen tables waited in heaps to be picked up.

Sarah Steslicki, who lives in Belleair Beach, said she was frustrated that more debris had not been collected sooner.

“They’ve screwed around and haven’t picked the debris up, and now they’re scrambling to get it picked up,” Steslicki said Monday. “If this one does hit, it’s going to be flying missiles. Stuff’s going to be floating and flying in the air.”

Hillsborough County, home to Tampa, ordered evacuations for areas adjacent to Tampa Bay and for all mobile and manufactured homes by Tuesday night.

President Joe Biden approved an emergency declaration for Florida, and U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor said 7,000 federal workers were called on to help in one of the largest

mobilizations of federal personnel in history.

Milton’s approach stirred memories of 2017’s Hurricane Irma, when about 7 million people were urged to evacuate Florida in an exodus that jammed freeways and clogged gas stations. Some people who left vowed never to evacuate again.

By Monday morning, some gas stations in the Fort Myers and Tampa areas had already run out of gas. Fuel continued to arrive in Florida, and the state had amassed hundreds of thousands of gallons of gasoline and diesel fuel, with much more on the way, DeSantis said.

A steady stream of vehicles headed north toward the Florida Panhandle on Interstate 75, the main highway on the west side of the peninsula, as residents heeded evacuation orders. Traffic clogged the southbound lanes of the highway for miles as other residents headed for the relative safety of Fort Lauderdale and Miami on the other side of the state.

Candice Briggs, along with her husband, their three young kids and their dog, planned to head to a hotel north of Jacksonville less than two weeks after Helene sent a foot and a half of water into her family’s home in the in the Tampa Bay community of Seminole. The family had just settled into their temporary lodgings at an extended family member’s home when they had to evacuate again before even finishing their post-Helene loads of laundry.

“Most of the tears I’ve cried have been out of exhaustion

or gratitude. Just that we’re safe and that we followed our instincts to evacuate,” Briggs said. “Mostly I am grateful. But I am overwhelmed and I am exhausted.”

Briggs was worried about her storm-damaged house, where workers have already torn out feet of sodden drywall, leaving behind exposed beams she fears will be even more vulnerable to the towering wall of water that forecasters say Milton could lash against the flood-prone stretch of the Gulf Coast.

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World

AS ISRAEL MARKS A YEAR SINCE OCT. 7 HAMAS ATTACK

Mideast war rages on multiple fronts

RE'IM, Israel (AP)—Israelis held somber ceremonies Monday to mark a year since the deadliest attack in the country's history, a Hamas-led raid that shattered its sense of security and has since spiraled into wars on two fronts with no end in sight.

Hamas marked the anniversary of its Oct. 7, 2023 attack by firing a barrage of rockets at Tel Aviv, underscoring its resilience after a year of war and devastation in Gaza. Lebanon's Hezbollah, which has been firing rockets into Israel for the past year in support of its ally, Hamas, launched more than 170 across the border on Monday.

As Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to press Israel's campaigns on all sides, the military said fighter jets targeting Hezbollah positions bombarded southern Lebanon with more than 120 strikes in an hour. An earlier strike killed at least 10 Lebanese firefighters, the latest of dozens of first responders killed in recent weeks, according to the

country's Health Ministry.

In a possible sign of the expansion of its campaign, Israel said it would soon launch operations on Lebanon's southern coast, telling residents to stay off the beaches and the sea for a 60-kilometer (36 miles) stretch along the Mediterranean.

In the Israeli-occupied West Bank, Israeli troops shot and killed a 12-year-old Palestinian boy in a refugee camp, Palestinian health officials said. The military said it opened fire on Palestinians throwing stones at its forces.

A year since Hamas' surprise cross-border attack, the war in Gaza rages on, even as Israel fights a new war against Hezbollah, escalating its bombing campaign in Lebanon the past three weeks. There is also a mounting conflict with Iran—which backs both Hamas and Hezbollah—that threatens to drag the region into an even more dangerous conflagration.

Two main Israeli commemorations for the day under-

scored the country's divisions. One was held by the government. The other was organized in Tel Aviv by families of those killed on Oct. 7 and of hostages still held in Gaza. They refused to join the official ceremony, angry at Netanyahu for security lapses on the day of the attack and for not yet returning all the hostages.

It was a sign of how Israelis' faith in their leaders and military was shaken when the militants stormed out of Gaza, catching the country unprepared on a major Jewish holiday. The militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted another 250. Around 100 hostages have not been returned, a third of whom are believed to be dead, and cease-fire efforts have ground to a halt.

Israel's assault in Gaza since Oct. 7 has killed more than 41,000 Palestinians, huge areas have been completely destroyed, most of the population have been driven from their homes and hunger is widespread. The Gaza toll

rose further on Monday night when at least 21 people, including five children and two women, were killed when two strikes hit houses in the Bureij refugee camp.

Israel's strikes in Lebanon since late September have killed at least 1,400 people, including civilians, medics and Hezbollah fighters, and 1.2 million have been driven from their homes.

Israelis flocked to ceremonies, cemeteries and memorial sites around the country, remembering the hundreds of victims, the dozens of hostages still in captivity and soldiers killed in battle. Commemorations were also planned across Europe and elsewhere.

Before dawn, hundreds of families of those killed at the Nova music festival, joined by President Isaac Herzog, gathered at the site where at least 364 revelers were killed and many others taken hostage. As the sun rose, organizers played the same trance track that was abruptly halted when the barrage of rockets began.

N. Korea's Kim again threatens to use nuclear weapons against S. Korea, US

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un warned again that he could use nuclear weapons in potential conflicts with South Korea and the United States, as he accused them of provoking North Korea and raising animosities on the Korean Peninsula, state media reported Tuesday.

Kim has issued similar threats to use nuclear weapons preemptively numerous times, but his latest warning came as outside experts say North Korea could ramp up hostilities ahead of next month's U.S. presidential election.

In a Monday speech at a university named after him, the Kim Jong Un University of National Defense, he said that North Korea "will without hesitation use all its attack capabilities against its enemies" if they attempt to use armed forces" against North Korea, according to the North's official Korean Central News Agency.

"The use of nuclear weapons is not ruled out in this case," he said.

Kim said North Korea's nuclear response posture must

be fully enhanced because South Korea and the United States are pushing to beef up their military alliance based on joint nuclear and strategic planning, a move that he said would increase the danger of breaking the balance of power on the Korean Peninsula.

Kim apparently refers to the new South Korea-U.S. deterrence guideline that the two countries signed in July to integrate South Korean conventional capabilities with U.S. nuclear weapons to better deal with North Korea's evolving nuclear threats. South Korea has no nuclear weapons.

Since adopting an aggressive nuclear doctrine in 2022, North Korea has repeatedly vowed to use nuclear weapons first if it perceives the leadership in Pyongyang as under threat. But many experts question if North Korea could really do so because its military is outgunned by the U.S. and South Korean forces. U.S. and South Korean officials have warned that an attempt by North Korea to use nuclear weapons would result in the end of the Kim government.

WORLD BRIEFS

Russian court sentences a 72-year-old American to nearly 7 years in prison for fighting in Ukraine

MOSCOW (AP)—A Russian court on Monday sentenced a 72-year-old American in a closed trial to nearly seven years in prison for allegedly fighting as a mercenary in Ukraine. Prosecutors said Stephen Hubbard signed a contract with the Ukrainian military after Russia sent troops into Ukraine in February 2022 and he fought alongside them until being captured two months later. He was sentenced to six years and 10 months in a general-security prison. Prosecutors had called for a sentence of seven years in a maximum-security prison. Hubbard, from the state of Michigan, is the first American known to have been convicted on charges of fighting as a mercenary in the Ukrainian conflict. U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said that it had limited information about the case as Russia has refused to grant consular access. "We're disappointed, as we often are, when they refuse to grant consular access," Miller told reporters in Washington. "They have an obligation to provide it and we're going to continue to press for it. We're looking at the case very closely and considering our next steps."

Thousands survived brutal gang attack in Haiti that killed 70

PONT-SONDÉ, Haiti (AP)—Under the cover of night, dozens of gang members crept toward the small town of Pont-Sondé in central Haiti armed with knives and assault rifles as families slept. The gang had traveled from nearby Savien in vehicles they ditched halfway through the trip, climbing into canoes for the last stretch for a quiet approach. Gunfire and screams woke the town. Those not shot dead were stabbed. Fires consumed homes. "They tried to murder everyone," said Jina Joseph, who survived. The Gran Grif gang killed babies and young mothers, older people and entire families, angry that a self-defense group had tried to limit gang activity in Pont-Sondé and prevent it from making money off a makeshift toll it had recently established on a nearby road. The gang escaped by foot through nearby rice fields after Thursday's attack, leaving more than 70 bodies strewn through the town. It was the biggest massacre that Haiti's once peaceful central region had seen in recent history. Thousands now face an uncertain future, stripped of their jobs, homes and families.

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Life & Style

Taylor Swift back to watch Travis Kelce and Chiefs with Eras Tour soon to resume

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Taylor Swift was back at Arrowhead Stadium on Monday night to see her boyfriend, Travis Kelce, and the Kansas City Chiefs play the New Orleans Saints after the pop superstar had missed the team's previous two games on the road.

Swift is in the final days of a break from her record-setting Eras Tour, which resumes with the first of three shows Friday night at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami. The tour's North American leg continues in New Orleans and Indianapolis before heading to Toronto and Vancouver in November and December. The final show is scheduled for Dec. 8.

Swift also missed Kelce's annual Kelce Car Jam over the weekend, a charity car show that raises money for his 87 and Running foundation, which helps underserved youth in the areas around Kansas City and Cleveland. There was still plenty of star power with Patrick Mahomes and his wife, Brittany, joining Kelce's parents his brother, retired Eagles center Jason Kelce.

Swift began her high-profile romance with Kelce last season, when he invited the "Anti-Hero" singer to watch him in a September matchup with the Bears. Since then, the two have spent plenty of time together, often with cameras following every move.

Swift has stayed out of the spotlight the past couple of weeks, though. That after a particularly headline-grabbing week in which she endorsed Kamala Harris for president, took home seven trophies from the MTV Video Music Awards, and show up to see

the Chiefs beat the visiting Cincinnati Bengals.

Swift has become close friends with the Mahomes family over the past year. That created some controversy when the 14-time Grammy winner said she supported Harris over



AP
Taylor Swift stands as she watches from a suite next to her dad Scott Swift during the first half of an NFL football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the New Orleans Saints Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Kansas City, Mo.

Donald Trump in the November election; Trump has referenced the quarterback's wife after she had liked—and then unliked—an Instagram post by the Republican presidential nominee.

Patrick Mahomes has declined to endorse anyone in the election, instead urging people to register to vote.

Cissy Houston, Grammy-winning gospel singer and Whitney Houston's mother, dies at 91

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Cissy Houston, a two-time Grammy-winning soul and gospel artist who sang with Aretha Franklin, Elvis Presley and other stars and knew triumph and heartbreak as the mother of Whitney Houston, has died. She was 91.

Cissy Houston died Monday morning in her New Jersey home while under hospice care for Alzheimer's disease, her daughter-in-law Pat Houston told The Associated Press. The acclaimed gospel singer was surrounded by her family.

"Our hearts are filled with pain and sadness. We loss the matriarch of our family," Pat Houston said in a statement. She said her mother-in-law's contributions to popular music and culture are "unparalleled."

"Mother Cissy has been a strong and towering figure in our lives. A woman of deep faith and conviction, who cared greatly about family, ministry, and community. Her more than seven-decade career in music and entertainment will remain at the forefront of our hearts."

A church performer from an early age, Houston was part of a family gospel act before breaking through in popular music in the 1960s as a member of the prominent backing group The Sweet Inspirations with Doris Troy and her niece Dee Dee Warwick. The group sang backup for a variety of soul singers including Otis Redding, Lou Rawls and The Drifters. They also sang backup for Dionne Warwick.

Houston's many credits included Franklin's "Think" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman," Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl" and Dusty Springfield's "Son of a Preacher Man." The Sweet Inspirations also sang on stage with Presley, whom Houston would remember fondly for singing gospel during rehearsal breaks and telling her that she was "squirrely."

"At the end of our engagement with him, he gave me a bracelet inscribed with my name on the outside," she wrote in her memoir "How Sweet the Sound," published in 1998. "On the inside of the bracelet he had inscribed his nickname for me: Squirrely."

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)—The weapons supervisor in the fatal shooting of a cinematographer by Alec Baldwin on the set of the Western film "Rust" pleaded guilty Monday to a separate criminal charge of carrying a gun into a licensed liquor establishment.

Movie armorer Hannah Gutierrez-Reed agreed to change her plea to guilty on the charge in exchange for a reduced sentence of 18 months supervised probation.

Judge T. Glenn Ellington approved the agreement that allows Gutierrez-Reed to begin probation while serving out an 18-month prison term at a New Mexico state penitentiary for involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins.

In the "Rust" case, prosecutors blamed Gutierrez-Reed for unwittingly bringing live ammunition onto the movie set and for failing to follow basic gun safety protocols.

Gutierrez-Reed shuffled into the Santa Fe courtroom Monday in a beige jumpsuit, handcuffs and ankle shackles to change her plea to guilty and waive her right to trial.

"I'd just like to apologize to the court and thank you for your judgment today," she said.

The case stems from evidence that a few weeks before "Rust" began filming in October 2021, Gutierrez-Reed carried a gun into a downtown bar in Santa Fe where firearms are prohibited.

Special prosecutor Kari Morrissey said Gutierrez-Reed filmed herself in the bathroom of the bar with a handgun — explaining how she snuck in the prohibited firearm in a video that was obtained when authorities searched the armorer's phone during the "Rust" investigation.

Gutierrez-Reed was convicted in March at trial of involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of Hutchins. She has an appeal of that conviction pending in a higher court.

Baldwin, the lead actor and co-producer for "Rust," was pointing a gun at Hutchins during a rehearsal for the film when the revolver went off, killing Hutchins and wounding director Joel Souza.



Houston

Teen keeps bedroom door shut when girlfriend pays a visit

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old stepdaughter has decided to date another female. She has dated boys in the past, but that's not the issue. We have nothing against the LGBTQ community. (My husband's brother is gay.) My issue is, should my stepdaughter spend time with her girlfriend in her bedroom with the door closed?

If this were a boy, my husband would certainly have an issue with it—fear of sexual activity leading to getting pregnant. We are both old school about that but have embraced her new relationship. But we definitely don't want our house to be the hook-up point. It makes us uncomfortable. How should we handle this?

OPEN DOOR IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR OPEN DOOR: Handle this the same way you would if you were writing about the young woman having a boyfriend. Tell her you are uncomfortable with sexual activity going on in your home and prefer that if she entertains her girlfriend in her bedroom, she must leave the door open.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband and I recently moved to a smaller town from a big city to be closer to our new grandbaby. This town is populated with a large number of older single women and, since day one, they have been drawn in droves to my husband, who is a very good-looking older man.

These women behave as if I am not even there. They move very close to us while we are shopping and flirt with him. I have had to physically insert myself between one of them and my husband on several occasions. Not only is this annoying while it's happening, but I'm having a hard time making friends. More than one female friend has developed an unhealthy crush on him, so I no longer trust other women. What do I do?

JUST THE WIFE IN VERMONT

DEAR WIFE: You are going to have to decide to what degree you trust your husband not to stray, and concentrate your efforts on making friends with other COUPLES. It would also be nice if your husband could remind these women that he's married and that you're right there.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife went on vacation with her best friend. While they were there, they visited a nudist resort. She admitted she took off her bathing suit and went swimming. Her friend also did.

I was fuming to think she would undress in front of strangers. I feel betrayed. It makes me sick to my stomach to think she did this to me. Am I wrong to be anxious and mad about the situation?

DRESSED IN MAINE

DEAR DRESSED: I would have to know more about

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the clothing optional resort your wife and her friend visited. The nudist lifestyle is not a swinging singles weekend. It is often enjoyed by entire families, and the atmosphere is healthy. Please get off the defensive and ask your wife to tell you more about her "adventure," which may have been no more than innocent fun and had nothing to do with YOU. You do not "own" her body, just her heart—if you are lucky.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Brandon Routh, 45; Scott Bakula, 70; Tony Shalhoub, 71; Sharon Osbourne, 72.

Happy Birthday: Broaden your outlook, interests and intentions. Gather information to help you make choices that can catapult you in a comfortable direction. Refuse to let anyone goad you into something you don't want or deny you what you want. Follow your heart and be adamant regarding your pursuits. Rethink your position, how you earn and handle cash, and ways you can invest in yourself and your ability to advance. Your numbers are 7, 19, 22, 28, 33, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Refrain from getting into deep discussions. Someone will be scouting for information that can make you look bad. Concentrate on learning, observing and gathering facts that can help you navigate your way forward without hesitation or interference. Conflicts will serve no purpose, but preparation will.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Get back to your roots, learn from elders or experts, and gain insight into the changes you can make and the outcome you'll manufacture. A gentle nudge for help will help you improve your domestic situation and surroundings. Reconnect with someone who shares your interests or intentions.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's up to you to initiate opportunities. Waiting for someone to set things up for you will result in disappointment. Trust your instincts and intelligence to get you where you want to go. Don't let anger set in when strength, courage and actions mark the road to victory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reason, facts and intuition will affect your success. Stifle emotions and refuse to let negativity stand between you and what you want to achieve.

An innovative approach to work and progress will set high standards and keep any competition you have at bay. Make fitness and fun a priority.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Look for answers within. Question choices and use your strengths and skills to encourage opportunity. Don't take risks that result in injury or a change of heart that can disrupt your home or lifestyle. Pay attention to where every dollar goes. Networking will offer insight into what's trending.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Trust your instincts and adjust whatever isn't running smoothly. Changing your surroundings will offer a different perspective, helping you implement whatever is missing or holding you back. Simplicity coupled with moderation will help you implement what matters. Make personal growth and love a priority.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Express your views and look for opportunities. A change will boost your energy and offer a vision of what's possible. Speak passionately, and you'll build momentum that enhances your journey and outcome. Don't allow negativity to seep into your thoughts or deter you from pursuing your plans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Revise your investments and budget to accommodate changes to your cost of living. Having a plan in place will ease your mind, and a positive attitude will help you pursue your dreams. A financial hike is dependent on better qualifications or a lucrative professional change.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep an open mind and heart; something good will manifest. Participating in something you feel akin to will lead to conversations that motivate you to adjust your plans. Someone close to you will take advantage of you if you are

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Watch your step. Not everyone will be open and honest about what they want or will give in return. Take care of business personally, and you'll avoid owing anyone. A lifestyle change that includes more time spent with loved ones or doing things that bring you joy is favored.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Put investments, contracts, health and opportunities at the top of your list. Taking care of your personal affairs will put your mind at ease and give you a reason to do something that brings you joy. Socializing, networking and developing something you want to pursue are favored.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Push negativity aside, focus on what makes you happy and protect yourself and loved ones from scammers. Don't let temptation set in and take over. Know when to say no and how to influence loved ones to pursue a healthy and cost-efficient lifestyle. Make health a priority.

Birthday Baby: You are progressive, intense and optimistic. You are sensitive and unpredictable.

☾: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ☼: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ☼☼: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ☼☼☼: Aim high; start new projects. ☼☼☼☼: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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By DAVID OUELLET

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Perez's homer sparks 4-run 4th inning as Royals beat Yankees

NEW YORK (AP)—Salvador Perez homered leading off the fourth inning to spark a four-run rally against Carlos Rodón, and the Kansas City Royals beat the New York Yankees 4-2 on Monday night to even their AL Division Series at one game apiece.

Four relievers held New York in check after an inconsistent Cole Ragans lasted four innings. Tommy Pham, Garrett Hampson and Maikel Garcia singled in runs for the Royals.

Garcia, moved up from ninth to first in Kansas City's batting order, had four hits.

Game 3 in the best-of-five playoff is Wednesday night at Kansas City, the Royals' first postseason home game since the 2015 World Series.

"It's basically like a brand-new series when we get to the K," Ragans said, referring to Kauffman Stadium.

Yankees slugger Aaron Judge went 1 for 3 with an in-field single and is 1 for 7 with four strikeouts in the series. Kansas City star Bobby Witt Jr., expected to finish second to Judge in AL MVP voting, was 0 for 5 with three strikeouts, dropping to 0 for 10 in the series.

All four Division Series opened 1-1 for the first time since the round started in 1995.

Giancarlo Stanton put the



Kansas City Royals' Salvador Perez (13) reacts after hitting a solo home run against the New York Yankees during the fourth inning of Game 2 of the American League baseball playoff series, Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in New York.

Yankees ahead with an RBI single in the third, but New York went 1 for 6 with runners in scoring position and is 3 for 19 in the two games.

"They were making their pitches when they needed

to," Judge said. "We've got to come through in those situations to kind of break it open."

Ragans allowed just the one run and three hits, striking out five and walking four. Winning pitcher Angel Zerpa

and John Schreiber each followed with a hitless inning before Kris Bubic threw two scoreless innings. Lucas Erceg worked the ninth for his third save this postseason.

Erceg gave up a leadoff

homer to Jazz Chisholm Jr. and a two-out single to Jon Berti but retired Gleyber Torres on a grounder to end it with slugger Juan Soto on deck. Chisholm's homer was the first off Erceg since June

12, when he was still pitching for Oakland.

Perez, at 34 the only remaining Royals player from their 2015 championship team, tied the score when he drove a 2-0 slider into the left-field seats. The nine-time All-Star entered 12 for 26 (.462) with three homers off Rodón, an old AL Central rival when he pitched for the Chicago White Sox.

"He falls behind him, and from there started making some mistakes with his secondary (pitches) just in the heart of the plate," Yankees manager Aaron Boone said.

Yuli Gurriel singled, advanced on a wild pitch and scored on Pham's one-out single for a 2-1 lead, prompting cheers from NFL fans at the Kansas City Chiefs' home game against New Orleans at Arrowhead Stadium. Pham stole second and scored on a two-out single by Hampson.

Garcia greeted Ian Hamilton with an RBI single that put the Royals ahead 4-1.

Rodón, lined up to pitch a potential Game 5, gave up four runs and seven hits in 3 2/3 innings with seven strikeouts and no walks. Twenty-four of the 32 home runs he has allowed this season have been solo shots.

"Just have to be better with those pitches," Rodón said. "Just, more fine with them and get to better spots."

Carpenter's 3-run homer off Clase sends gritty Tigers to 3-0 win over Guardians

CLEVELAND (AP)—Kerry Carpenter hit a three-run homer off Cleveland's All-Star closer Emmanuel Clase in the ninth inning, and the Detroit Tigers stunned the Guardians 3-0 in Game 2 on Monday to even their AL Division Series at one game apiece.

Carpenter connected for a 423-foot shot with two outs off Clase, who had not given up a run since Aug. 30 and led the American League with 47 saves.

"To do it off him is special," said Carpenter. "He's one of the best."

Detroit ace Tarik Skubal pitched seven shutout innings, increasing his postseason total to 13, before the Tigers put together a rare big inning against the almost unhittable Clase.

The intimidating right-hander has dominated hitters all season—he hasn't blown a save since May—and was making just his second multi-inning appearance of 2024.

Jake Rogers and Trey Sweeney hit consecutive two-out singles. Carpenter, who entered an inning earlier as a pinch-hitter, turned on Clase's third straight slider, sending the ball into the right-field seats and shocking Cleve-

land's rowdy home crowd.

"How about those three two-out hits?" Tigers manager A.J. Hinch said.

Guardians manager Stephen Vogt didn't regret using Clase for more than one inning.

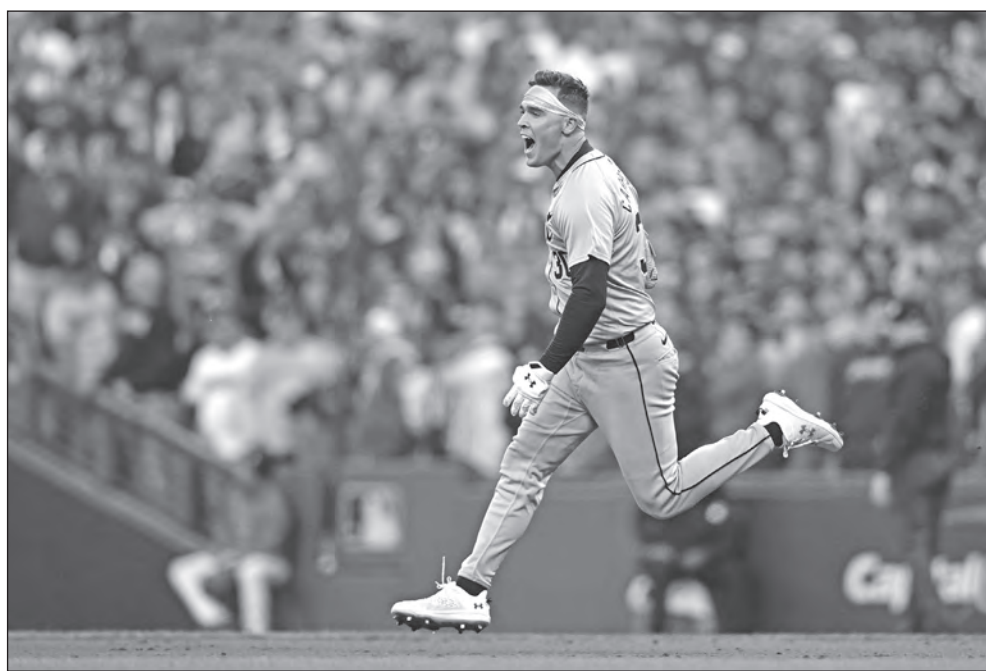
"Emmanuel has been locked down all year," Vogt said. "He's been nearly perfect. He's human, too. These things are going to happen, and it's unfortunate the timing of when it did, but at the same time he's going to have the ball in the ninth again."

"This is the best closer in the game for a reason, and they just happened to get him tonight."

The homer drove in the first runs of the series for the Tigers, who have been finding ways to win for months. Detroit went 31-13 after Aug. 11 to qualify for the postseason and then stunned the AL West champion Houston Astros in the Wild Card Series.

They're at it again and head home to Comerica Park for Games 3 and 4 on Wednesday and Thursday with a chance to advance.

"You come to this environment, on the road, and it's a five-game series," Tigers



Detroit Tigers' Kerry Carpenter celebrates as he runs the bases with a three-run home run in the ninth inning during Game 2 of baseball's AL Division Series against the Cleveland Guardians, Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Cleveland.

manager A.J. Hinch said. "When you get that emotional win and go back home 1-1, you feel like you got one on their home turf."

"We now have two games at our place. We know it's going to be electric. We know Detroit has waited a really long time for a playoff game. We're going to have a couple of them and a chance

to take control of this series."

When Carpenter stepped into the box, the Tigers felt something good would happen.

"Kerry coming up there being Kerry Bonds, that's what you want right there," Rogers said. "He got one low and in the middle of the zone. I had the best view of it and I was screaming from the bottom of my lungs."

After Skubal pitched seven innings and winner Will Vest got through the eighth, Beau Brieske pitched a perfect ninth for the save.

Skubal was getting a post-game workout when Carpenter homered.

"What a swing," he said. "I was on the ground, and I think that's the fastest I've ever stood up in my life."

What a swing off a really good pitcher, too, the best closer in the game. That was incredible to watch."

Skubal, who won the AL pitching triple crown by leading the league in wins (18), ERA (2.39) and strikeouts (288), allowed just three hits. The left-hander dominated the Guardians over the first 4 1/3 innings, striking out eight before Josh Naylor doubled with one out in the fifth for Cleveland's first hit. Skubal then hit rookie Jhonkensy Noel on the left hand.

But the 27-year-old Skubal, who has never pitched a complete game, got Andrés Giménez to bounce into an inning-ending double play and celebrated loudly as he left the mound and headed toward Detroit's dugout.

Cleveland also threatened in the sixth.

No. 9 hitter Brayan Rocchio doubled with one out and Kwan singled. Rocchio was held at third, and Skubal again got out of trouble as Detroit's infield turned a nifty 6-4-3 double play, prompting the lefty to raise his hands and ask the crowd for more applause like a conductor pushing his orchestra for volume.

Mahomes throws for 331 yards as Chiefs shut down Saints, 26-13



KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)—Patrick Mahomes threw for a bunch of yards.

Travis Kelce caught a whole lot of his passes. And Kareem Hunt plowed into the end zone once again, sending a torrent of red fireworks flying over Arrowhead Stadium on Monday night.

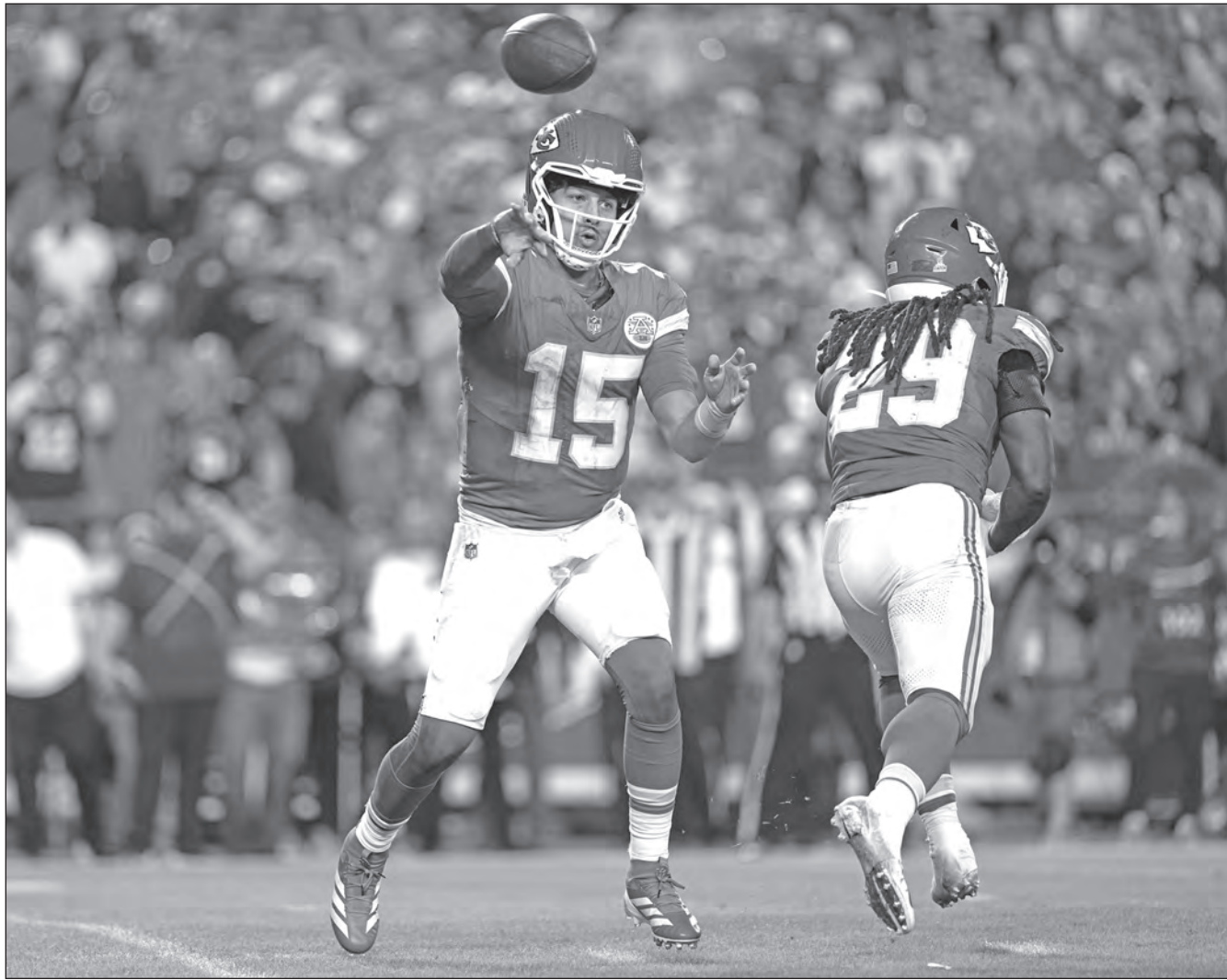
It might as well have been six years ago, the last time that trio of Chiefs played in a home game together.

But with injuries having ravaged their offense, the Chiefs were forced to lean on two of their stalwarts and the return of their erstwhile star running back to beat the Saints, 26-13. Mahomes finished with 331 yards through the air, Kelce had a game-high nine catches for 70 yards, and Hunt ran 27 times for 102 yards and a touchdown.

"It was a great feeling to get back in the end zone. I missed it very much," said Hunt, who only returned to the Chiefs a couple of weeks ago, after an injury to starter Isiah Pacheco. "That's why I threw up a heart. To show my love for Kansas City."

There was a lot of love flowing inside Arrowhead Stadium.

Just as the Chiefs were moving to 5-0 behind another defensive gem, the Royals were beating the Yankees in Game 2 of their AL Division Series in New York. There were frequent chants of "Let's go Royals!" throughout the game, and when the Royals finished off a 4-2 victory to send the series back to Kansas City tied at a game apiece, a roar ripped through Arrowhead.



Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes throws during the second half of an NFL football game against the New Orleans Saints Monday, Oct. 7, 2024, in Kansas City, Mo.

"There was kind of a lull there toward the end of the game, and I was like, 'They're not showing the score. The Yankees came back,'" said Mahomes, who owns a part of the Royals. "But they picked it up and got the win, and it was extremely exciting."

The Chiefs held Saints quarterback Derek Carr to 185 yards passing with two touchdowns and an interception before leaving with an oblique injury. It occurred with about 9 1/2 minutes left, when Carr

was hit by blitzing defensive back Chamari Conner on a fourth-down incompleting as he tried to rally New Orleans from a 23-13 deficit.

"I couldn't do what I needed to do in the simplest form," said Carr, who plans to get an MRI exam on Tuesday.

The Saints' Alvin Kamara managed 26 yards rushing on 11 carries, becoming the latest high-profile running back to struggle against the Chiefs. They held the Ravens' Derrick Henry to 46 yards

rushing, Zack Moss of the Bengals to 34, Falcons star Bijan Robinson to 31 and J.K. Dobbins to 32 in last week's win over the Chargers.

"We got outplayed," Saints coach Dennis Allen said. "We really couldn't get a whole lot going on either side of the ball."

The first half Monday night featured a bit of everything: Hunt's first TD since returning to Kansas City, where his once-promising career was derailed by an off-the-field in-

cident; a 43-yard touchdown pass from Carr to Rashid Shaheed, the shortest of the three Shaheed has caught this season; and yet another lateral by Kelce, which came on the most bizarre of drives.

The Chiefs were leading 10-7 when a fumbled pitch and a holding penalty left them facing second-and-34. They got some of it back on a pass to JuJu Smith-Schuster, and then Mahomes hit Kelce over the middle. Kelce lateraled to Samaje Perine, who got

within a yard of a first down, and Kansas City converted the fourth-and-short play to set up an eventual field goal.

It was exactly that—field goals—that kept New Orleans in the game, though. The Chiefs have struggled to score TDs in the red zone all season, and they were forced to let Harrison Butker kick a trio of chip shots to lead 16-7 at the break.

Their red-zone woes continued in the third quarter. On second-and-goal, Smith-Schuster had a pass bounce off his hands at the goal line and into the arms of 324-pound former Chiefs defensive tackle Khalen Saunders, who made his first career interception.

The Saints promptly marched 65 yards with Foster Moreau's TD catch getting them within 16-13 with 14:16 to play.

But unlike every other game for the Chiefs, which had been decided in the final minutes—if not the final play—they answered the blow by delivering one of their own. Smith-Schuster hauled in a 50-yard pass moments later, and Xavier Worthy took a handoff on first-and-goal at the 3 for a touchdown that extended their cushion early in the fourth quarter.

After the Chiefs stopped the Saints on fourth down, they tacked on another field goal with 3:03 left to put away the game.

"It's pretty cool to get the band back together," said Smith-Schuster, who is also back with the Chiefs after a couple of years spent in New England. "Man, I'm telling you, there is no place like this. What we have here is special. It's unreal."

Caleb Williams, Bears have another big opportunity after dominating Panthers

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP)—Caleb Williams and the Chicago Bears did exactly what they wanted against one of the worst teams in the NFL.

They have another big opportunity this week.

The Bears again meet a team near the bottom of the league when they face Trevor Lawrence and the Jacksonville Jaguars in London after dominating the lowly Carolina Panthers 36-10 on Sunday.

"We have Jacksonville and they present issues like every other team does and we've got to deal with those issues and then we have to focus on our execution," coach Matt Eberflus said on Monday.

The Bears' execution against Carolina was pretty good all around.

Chicago (3-2) set season highs in scoring and yards (424) and turned three take-

aways into 16 points. It added up to the Bears' second straight win after back-to-back losses and their most lopsided victory since a 29-3 romp over the New York Giants in Week 17 of the 2021 season.

Williams delivered his best performance to date.

The No. 1 overall draft pick completed 20 of 29 passes for 304 yards with two touchdowns to DJ Moore and zero interceptions. His 126.2 passer rating was the best by a Bears rookie since the AFL-NFL merger. The previous high was Jim McMahon's 121.1 against the Los Angeles Rams on Dec. 26, 1982, was the previous high.

Gervon Dexter had his fourth sack and a fumble recovery, and Kevin Byard had his 29th interception.

What's working

The passing game. Williams was able to make some big throws in this one after relying more on short passes the previous week. He found a wide-open Moore on a crossing pattern early in the game for a 34-yard touchdown and delivered a 30-yard dart to him for a TD late in the first half. Williams also had a 26-yard pass to Cole Kmet.

"He made a couple awesome catches this week in practice, and just building the confidence and trust between each other; and trusting this offense between everybody," Williams said. "Offensive line, running backs, protection, the routes and what depth to run it at, how many steps and things like that, going through reads and a bunch more. We need to keep building, keep going. Great win. But definitely not settled on this."

What needs help

The run defense. The Bears were 18th against the run coming into the game and gave up 97 yards to Chuba Hubbard. He broke through a big hole for a 38-yard score that gave Carolina a short-lived 7-0 lead. Of course, it was all Bears after that. The defense came through with four sacks, two fumble recoveries and an interception while holding the Panthers to 292 yards, so it was a good day overall for that group.

Stock up

RB D'Andre Swift. He came up big in the second straight game, with 120 yards from scrimmage and a TD. He ran for 73 yards and a touchdown and added 47 yards receiving after picking up 165 yards from scrimmage and a touchdown the previous week

against the Los Angeles Rams.

Stock down

RG Nate Davis. It doesn't look as though Davis will be back in the lineup anytime soon. The Bears are using Matt Pryor at right guard and opted to keep him there rather than have him move to left guard when Teven Jenkins left Sunday's game with an ankle injury. Bill Murray took over at left guard, instead.

Injuries

S Jaquan Brisker (concussion) did not travel with the team. He reported symptoms Monday afternoon and was diagnosed in the evening. He could rejoin the team this week if he clears protocol, and the Bears have not ruled him out for the game. ... Jenkins traveled with the team to London, though his status for

the game is in question after he left the win over Carolina with an ankle injury. "We'll see where it is as we go through the week," Eberflus said. Jenkins has also been dealing with a rib issue. ... DL Zacch Pickens (groin) and DB Terrell Smith (hip) did not accompany the team.

Key number

8—The Bears have won eight straight at Soldier Field, the longest current home-field winning streak in the NFL. It's their best run since they won 10 straight starting in the 2005 season and running into 2006.

Next steps

The Bears will try to make it three straight wins for the first time since a three-game run late in the 2020 season when they play Jacksonville in London on Sunday.

LeBron, son Bronny play together for the first time in preseason

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP)—LeBron James grew up without a father, and the top scorer in NBA history has often said he savors every moment and milestone he can experience with his own three children.

When he stepped onto a court Sunday night to play alongside his son, Bronny, for the Los Angeles Lakers, this moment was more than basketball history to him.

It was the realization of a family dream.

LeBron and Bronny became the first father and son to play in any NBA game together during the first half of the Lakers' preseason contest against Phoenix, playing just over four minutes side-by-side in the second quarter.

"It's pretty cool for the both of us, and especially for our family," LeBron said. "It's definitely a moment that I will never forget."

The James family's remarkable moment coincidentally happened on Bronny's 20th birthday, and it felt like a celebration for the 39-year-old LeBron, who has spoken about his desire for this opportunity since Bronny was in high school.

Although LeBron knows they'll get more chances to play together in the Lakers' upcoming season, the first time on court together in uniform felt "not real" to the four-time NBA champion and 20-time All-Star.

"For a father, it means everything," LeBron said. "For someone who didn't have that growing up, to be able to have that influence on your kids and have that influence on your son, be able to have moments with your son—and the ultimate, to be able to work with your son—that's one of the greatest things that a father could ever hope for or wish for."

Bronny James entered the preseason game as a substitute to begin the second quarter, joining his father



Los Angeles Lakers guard Bronny James (9), right, steps onto the court with Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (23) during the first half of a preseason NBA basketball game Sunday, Oct. 6, 2024, in Palm Desert, Calif.

on court at Acrisure Arena in the Coachella Valley. Bronny was told by coach JJ Redick before the game that he would be playing alongside LeBron, but the rookie maintained his usual cool demeanor both before and after the moment.

"I was pretty psyched for that," Bronny said.

Although he's much less vocal about the whole situation than LeBron, Bronny is still learning how to navigate an on-court relationship with his father, who has repeatedly insisted that his son can't call him "Dad" on the court.

"I'm always thinking about, 'That's my dad!', because that's literally my dad," Bronny said. "But when I'm playing, he's just my teammate. That's all."

Their minutes together weren't as smooth as they'll be later in the season: Bronny committed two turnovers and LeBron made another in their first two minutes. Shortly after LeBron hit a 3-pointer moments later, LeBron got the ball to Bronny and set a screen for his son's 3-point

attempt, but Bronny missed.

"I was really hoping that wing 3 would have gone in," Redick said with a smile. "That would have been a cool moment. But they'll have a lot of moments together, I'm sure."

Bronny came off for a substitute 4:09 into the second quarter, and LeBron came off 25 seconds later at the next dead ball. LeBron had 19 points, five rebounds and four assists in 16 minutes during the first half, and he watched the Lakers' second half from the bench alongside Anthony Davis.

Bronny played about nine minutes in the second half, but didn't score in the Lakers' 118-114 loss to the Suns.

"I just told him, 'Keep getting better,'" LeBron said. "He's young. He wants to continue to improve, and that's what's most important. So every time you get a moment out there, just continue to make winning plays. Continue to learn from his mistakes and make winning plays."



File photo shows a Kagman High School varsity batter at the plate during one of their games in the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 at the Dandan Softball Field.

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retire the next three batters and notch their fifth straight win.

In other results that day, Saipan Southern High School Mantas Rays slipped past Marianas High School Dolphins, 10-9, and Mount Carmel School Knights trounced Saipan International

LeBron James is beginning his record-tying 22nd season in the NBA, while LeBron James Jr.—known to all as Bronny—was the Lakers' second-round draft pick this summer. After recovering from cardiac arrest over a year ago, Bronny played just one season at Southern California before entering the draft.

Redick had vowed that the pairing would only happen "in the flow of the game," and wouldn't be "gimmicky."

"I'm thrilled that I get to be a part of this, I really am," Redick said. "It's cool as a basketball fan. I think it speaks to LeBron's longevity, but also his competitive stamina that he's able to still be doing this in Year 22. It speaks to the work that Bronny has put in to get to this point, and really just the fatherly care, and certainly the motherly care from Savannah as well. Bronny, he's such a great kid and a pleasure to be around."

The 6-foot-2 Bronny is expected to spend much of the upcoming season working on his game with the South Bay Lakers of the G League, but he will almost certainly get to play alongside his 6-foot-9 father in a real game early in the regular season.

The games that count begin Oct. 22 at home against Minnesota.

Although LeBron will turn 40 in late December, the top scorer in NBA history has shown no sign of slowing down with age. LeBron sat out of the Lakers' preseason opener against Minnesota last Friday night, resting up after a full week of training camp following a busy summer. Bronny had two points on 1-for-6 shooting and three blocked shots while playing 16 minutes against the Timberwolves.

LeBron was early in his second NBA season with the Cleveland Cavaliers when he and his high school

sweetheart, Savannah Brinson, became parents for the first time in 2004. They had two more children—son Bryce and daughter Zhuri.

LeBron and Bronny have been preparing for the chance to play together ever since LeBron returned from a summer vacation after winning a gold medal with the U.S. team at the Paris Olympics.

The father and son have scrimmaged together repeatedly during workouts at the Lakers' training complex, both as teammates and opponents.

In the regular season, they'll join a short list of fathers and sons who have shared a playing field in North American professional sports. Ken Griffey Sr. and Ken Griffey Jr. played together with the Seattle Mariners during parts of the 1990 and 1991 baseball seasons, while hockey great Gordie Howe played with sons Marty and Mark for the Houston Aeros in the WHA and the New England/Hartford Whalers in the WHA and NHL.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES						
NFL STANDINGS						
AMERICAN CONFERENCE						
East						
	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	3	2	0	.600	142	106
Miami	2	3	0	.400	60	113
N.Y. Jets	2	3	0	.400	93	85
New England	1	4	0	.200	62	102
South						
Houston	4	1	0	.800	102	114
Indianapolis	2	3	0	.400	119	122
Tennessee	1	3	0	.250	79	90
Jacksonville	1	4	0	.200	97	143
North						
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	147	126
Pittsburgh	3	2	0	.600	92	73
Cincinnati	1	4	0	.200	140	145
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	79	121
West						
Kansas City	5	0	0	1.000	118	85
Denver	3	2	0	.600	96	73
L.A. Chargers	2	2	0	.500	68	50
Las Vegas	2	3	0	.400	96	131
NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
East						
Washington	4	1	0	.800	155	115
Dallas	3	2	0	.600	117	121
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	86	96
N.Y. Giants	2	3	0	.400	89	104
South						
Atlanta	3	2	0	.600	111	115
Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600	127	114
New Orleans	2	3	0	.400	140	96
Carolina	1	4	0	.200	83	165
North						
Minnesota	5	0	0	1.000	139	76
Detroit	3	1	0	.750	104	82
Chicago	3	2	0	.600	113	85
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	128	108
West						
Seattle	3	2	0	.600	122	114
Arizona	2	3	0	.400	120	129
San Francisco	2	3	0	.400	126	106
L.A. Rams	1	4	0	.200	94	139

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keeper just a minute in. He then went on a tear as he completed the hat-trick plus added one more only 10 minutes into the game for a 4-0 lead.

The Kingfishers couldn't find an opening while the Umangs made light work of their defense as Andrey Ray added the fifth goal in the 12th. Then, two additional goals slipped past Baylyn Mansfield to make it 6-nil.

Palacios wasn't done as he tacked on two more goals by the 29th, and Jun Mullens got in on the action with a double goal by the 33rd minute. The Kingfishers only goal came in the 37th minute.

After, GES 2 fired past Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School Binadus, also 11-1.

Pritam Roy and Adrian Mercado had a field day as they shot the majority of GES' goals. Roy opened the game up in the third minute, followed two minutes later by Mercado.

Mercado went on to score four more goals, while Roy slotted three more. The two other goals were

scored by Joven Sablan. For GTC, the lone goal was made by Oshean Garde in the 19th minute.

Then, BSS 1 outscored Mount Carmel School 1, 5-3.

The game was tied, 1-1, by the 15th minute after #12 of BSS and Thomas Flores of MCS scored. BSS' #12 (no name provided on roster) went on to score all five goals for BSS, while Flores and teammate #2 scored the second and third goal for MCS.

Group A is led by Saipan International School, San Vicente Elementary School, and Kagman Elementary School with a 4-1-1 win-draw-and loss record each.

Group B is led by GES 1 with five wins and no losses, and Group D is led by KobES 1 with also five wins and no losses.

Today is the quarterfinals. Saipan International School will take on Kagman Elementary School; KobES 1 will face off against WSR 1; GES 1 will go up against Saipan Community School; and San Vicente Elementary School 2 will face off with GES 2.

The semis are set for Friday, Oct. 11, and the championships are scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 17.



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KobES, GES 2, BSS notch wins in soccer

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Koblerville Elementary School Umangs 1, Garapan Elementary School Mallards 2, and Brilliant Star School 1 won their games last Friday in the continuation of the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Elementary School Soccer League last Friday at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



The defending champions Umangs put on a clinic against William S. Reyes Elementary School Kingfishers 2, 11-1.

The Umangs scored all of their goals even before the Kingfishers found the net for their only goal of the game. Liam Palacios led KobES from the starting whistle as he shot past the Kingfishers' goal.

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A Brilliant Star School soccer player is surrounded by Kagman Elementary School players during one of their games in the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Elementary School Soccer League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



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A Garapan Elementary School player sets up the play as Saipan Community School players surround her during one of their games in the 2024-2025 NMIFA-PSS Interscholastic Elementary School Soccer League at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.



NMA

File photo shows elementary school runners bursting out of the starting line during the PSS/NMA All Schools Cross-Country 2024-2025-Gecko 5000 at the Banzai Cliff last Sept. 28.

Undefeated Ayuyus lead boys fast pitch

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Kagman High School Ayuyus varsity fastpitch softball team is undefeated heading into the playoffs of the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025.

They notched their fifth straight win to wrap up their regular season games last Saturday over their junior varsity counterpart, 13-4, at the Dandan Softball Field.

The varsity boys started the game off hot as they got on board at the bottom of the first from two runs scored by Myles Remoket and Justin Camacho. They still held the lead despite one run from the JV's Anthon Tudela in the second for a 2-1 game.

Then, the varsity team caught fire once again at the bottom of the second with seven back-to-back runs, plus one



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File photo shows Kagman High School varsity pitcher Christopher Pangelinan, right, and catcher Myles Remoket during their game against Marianas High School in the PSS-NMI Softball Association Interscholastic Boys High School Fast Pitch Softball League 2024-2025 at the Dandan Softball Field.

more to widen their lead, 10-1. The varsity team held their comfortable nine-run lead, but they added three more for good measure in the fourth to make it 13-1.

It was too little too late for the JV team to play catch up as Austin Camacho scored in the fourth for a 2-13 game. While the varsity

team didn't score, it was too big of a gap to bridge with two more innings left.

The JV team still tried, however, as the top of the lineup's Kallan Seilder hit a two-run homer for a 4-13 game. Their rally cry was then cut short as the varsity team's pitching went on to

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Bauer, Spaeth, BSS sweep ES

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From start to finish, two young speedsters and the Brilliant Star Montessori School cross-country team were the fastest in the elementary school division of the PSS/NMA All Schools Cross-Country 2024-2025 with a sweep of all four qualifiers.

Grace Christian Academy's Beau Bauer and BSS' Lovel Spaeth were the fastest elementary school runners in all four qualifiers and wrapped it up where it all began—at the CPA Airport Field on a sunny Saturday.

In the boys individual standings, Bauer ran a sub seven-minute mile at 6:47, while second was Saipan In-

ternational School's Gabriel Walsh at 7:15. Third was San Vicente Elementary School's O'Marion Reyes who clocked in at the same time as Evan Poole of Garapan Elementary School at 7:22.

In the girls individual standings, Spaeth wrapped up the last qualifier with a time of 7:10. Second was Angela You of Agape Christian School at 7:56, while SIS' Kaylen Taflinger was third at 7:58.

The team standings was topped by BSS once again and swept all four qualifiers.

The BSS boys wrapped it up with a score of 58, followed by SVES at 66. ACS was third with 74. In the girls division, BSS had the lowest and best score of 32, while Mount Carmel

School was second at 40. Third was SIS at 49.

Dr. Ron Snyder, SIS headmaster and coach and meet director, said of BSS' sweep, "BSS put forth a strong team this year with some real depth. It was very nice to see."

On what he looks forward to in the championships, he said, "I look forward to some really great competition in the championships and hope to see the HS boys pushing each other to set new PRs and maybe even break 18 minutes."

This race concludes the qualifier rounds of the season. The championship is set for this Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Saipan Country Club (Saipan Vegas) at 6:30am.

Results of the middle school divisions will be posted in the next issues of *Saipan Tribune*.

